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2D16 USDA CLUB ANNOUNCES NEW AMBULANCE OFFER

The Employee Welfare Committee, of which Miss Anna L. Tydings is chairman, regrets to advise that free ambulance service offered by the Dudley M. Hughes Funeral Home has been discontinued but they are offering ambulance service anywhere in the city to members of the USDA Club at a special rate of \$3.00, which amounts to approximately 50% discount.

This rate is the same charge for a number of special groups and amounts to about one-half of the prevailing charge for this service by the other firms of the city.

Any friend or relative of any member of the USDA Club who needs ambulance service and is unable to pay, the Dudley M. Hughes Funeral Home will be pleased to help them in any way including free ambulance service.

USDA CLUB PARTY WILL BE NOV. 10

Plans are complete for the USDA Club party, which will be held on Friday night November 10 at Winfrey Point.

Entertainment, food and tickets have been arranged for about 500 people. Don't miss the fun! Come and bring the family.

300 TEXAS FARMERS RECEIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

FOR BECOMING LANDOWNERS IN FHA PROGRAM

Sam Rayburn, Speaker

In the third annual Achievement Day, as designated by the State Fair of Texas, 300 farm families were recognized and received Achievement Awards for becoming landowners in the Farmers Home Administration Program by repaying their loans--many 30 years in advance of scheduled maturities.

The Event was held in Fair Park Auditorium beginning at 1:00 P. M. The program was opened by Tulane S. Smith, Chief, Administrative Management Division of the Texas State Office, FHA. Music and songs featured Billy Mayo Quintet (WFAA) and Kaiser-Frazer Sentinels. Mr. Smith introduced L. J. Capplenan, State Director, who presided.

Farm Family Interviews were conducted by Murray Cox, WFAA and Layne Beatty, WBAP. Outstanding among the interviews was Marrill J. Stewart of Lamar County, who was recently elected Champion Soil Conservation Farmer of Texas. Stewart once worked for the WPA and was a tenant farmer. Other winners were Harold J. Dozier of Navarro County, and Douglas D. Duty of Falls County. All were awarded special prizes.

Mr. Stewart does diversified farming and has 8 sources of income on his farm.

Dillard B. Lasseter, Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, Washington, D.C., addressed the group and paid tribute to Texas farmers stating that other states were recognizing Texas as having a standard in agricultural achievements, which has ramifications in every agricultural county in the United States.

Mr. Lasseter stated that interest collections on loans made to farmers each year almost ran the FHA but no farmer should thank anyone except for having been given an opportunity for farm ownership.

Speaker Knows About Farming

Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of
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DID YOU KNOW?

By J. LaRue Burroughs

...that experimental plants now in breeding plots produce cotton fibers as much as 75 percent stronger than most commercial upland varieties?

...that speeding up breeding research is the purpose of an effort being made to establish a field cotton breeding station in Mexico? According to the Department of Agriculture, it usually takes about seven growing seasons to develop a new breed of cotton; but this time can be cut in half by growing two crops or, in some cases, even three crops a year in Mexico.

...that about one-half of the 1,500,000 pounds of iodine used annually in the United States comes from the brine extracted from oil wells? The balance comes from Chilean salt-peter and Japanese seaweed.

...that Sam Rayburn has been speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., longer than any other speaker with the exception of Henry Clay? He was first elected speaker in 1940 and has been speaker most of the time since that date.

WANT AD

WANTED: Ride from Garland to United States Terminal Annex. Arrive 8:00 or 8:15 A. M. and leave 4:45 P. M.

Call Mario Agnew, Sta. 522

Rayburn's Speech, Continued

Representatives, Washington, D. C., who was introduced by Mr. Lasseter stated he felt he had a right to speak to farmers as he was reared on a farm and is a farmer himself.

"We have many problems confronting us," Rayburn stated, "but one of the greatest is 'What are We Going to do with this Earth?' If we destroy in the next 25 years as we have in the past we will be looking for fertile fallneys."

He stressed soil conservation and stated that there is no higher ambition than to own the land you cultivate. He paid tribute to the farmers receiving Achievement Certificates. Requirements for an Achievement Certificate are that the land loan must have been paid from the farm income.

Rayburn spoke of the "Sob Brothers" who have by far surpassed the "Sob Sisters," he stated in lamenting government spending for various programs. He stated that he could remember 49¢ cotton, and when 1,000 bushels of oats sold for \$90, corn sold for 15¢ a bushel and steers for 3½¢ a pound and when there were 14,000,000 unemployed people.

He gave statistics showing that the total farm income in 1932 was \$1,800,000,000 and in 1949 it was \$14,000,000,000. "Naturally buying power has increased, unemployment has lessened, and business in general has benefitted," he said.

Rayburn concluded with the statement, "How Free are Americans?" - "We live where we wish, follow our chosen occupation, say and write what we wish, and are the richest nation in the world."

W. M. Burkes, Chief, Farm Ownership Division of the Texas State Office, FSA, presided for awards to farmers.

Honorable Rayburn was presented a Texas hat in keeping with his home state and Honorable Lasseter a pair of the best Texas boots known. Mr. Lasseter, a Georgian, stated, "I promise not to disgrace the boots because I'll stay off a horse."

The program concluded with a drawing for many prizes conducted by Dale Campbell, assisted by Miss Odessa Cook.

Brought to Memory

Sixth Grade Pupil: "I know that Uncle Sam means the United States, but I can't think of his last name."

Sixth Grade Buddy: "Rayburn."